

JULY 5, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson with the following members present: Loving, Willems, Whiting (7:12 P.M.), Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent were Trout and Devlin.

Motion by Kness, second by Loving to accept the June 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Loving – aye, Willems – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the June Police Report. He reported 89 contacts made, 20 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations, 25 residence checks, 1 burglary to a residence, 29 business checks, 1 911 call, 1 assist to Mercer County, 1 domestic battery, trainees Frenell and Starcavich in week 10 of the PTI training, 1 arrest, mileage on the Dodge 108,025, and mileage on the Impala 142,072. Chief Hicks informed the Board that the Police Department had received \$700 in donations from businesses for the purchase of a Taser. He reported that a Taser would cost \$1,077.00. Casey Switzer present and reported on a TDAP Program for Taser purchases.

Motion by Willems, second by Loving to purchase a Taser through the Taser Delayed Assistance Program at a cost of less than \$1,400 with up to \$800 being paid out of the drug fund and the \$700 donations. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Willems – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported on the Nuisance Ordinance, and that he had talked to Village Attorney Steele concerning streamlining the ordinance on junk or abandoned vehicles by getting rid of trailering, tarping, or moving to someone else's property. President Peterson had a response from Attorney Mark V. Kelly about the Nuisance Ordinance's paragraph H that covers the situations, and there would be no need for an amendment. President Peterson stated that the Village could shorten the period of ten days to enforce the ordinance, and the Nuisance is going to be enforced immediately by 48 hour notice if a junk vehicle, ten days if put on a trailer, or vehicle is inoperable. He further stated that the practice of tarping a vehicle is no longer legal per the Village's ordinance.

President Peterson reported a hole at North First Avenue and Main Street (Highway 17), and that the Village cannot touch it if it is eighteen inches into the highway. He guessed that it could be a storm drain, but Peoria IDOT would have to be called.

President Peterson stated that the Board may need another person for mowing if Richard Bland retires. He said that Steve Brooks and Mike Garber are working maintenance, and that Richard Bland would fill in as needed.

President Peterson reported that Ameren is in the Village trimming trees.

President Peterson reported that the Village has 35+ Ash trees on Village property and 40+ on residences, with some borderline. He said that 80 to 100 Ash trees are in the Village, and that Walton Tree Service would treat the smaller ones for \$100 and the larger ones for \$200+. He stated that Chris Walton is willing to mark the trees, and the Village could hire Joe Lindquist to take out stumps, but he would talk to Mr. Walton again.

President Peterson reported that the culvert that runs into the waterway on the North side basin has started to erode, and he has contacted McMeekan Excavating to look at the problem, and possibly using a grate.

President Peterson reported that Chief Hicks attended a plan on Hazard Mitigation in Mercer County, and that Chief Hicks had found out that the Health Department had written on each village that had submitted plans.

President Peterson reported that the water leak on Franklin Street was repaired and a valve and shut off were put in.

The Budget Committee agreed to meet on July 30 at 10 A.M. to prepare the FY 2016-2017 appropriations and budget. (Trout, Loving, and Kness)

President Peterson reported that the Village's lawn mower blew up, but was fixed under warranty, and next year is the trade in year. He said the mower will have 600+ hours on it, but everything is fixed on it except for a belt.

Casey Switzer present to ask the Board about using the Village's Ball Diamonds for the Red Devils ball team. He said that they would come up with a fee amount for the use for practice and games. He stated that the practices are from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. , and the games are at 8 P.M. Mr. Switzer said that it would be good for the diamonds to be used, but that he was considering this for next year, and there are two Red Devil teams in Viola, and has been for three years. He said that the amount paid for the lease could maybe be used for an outfield fence and dirt, but the concession stand would be the New Windsor Ball Associations to run and profit from. He said that they provide their own umpires and keep the field in good shape, and that scheduling would be done to not interfere with the New Windsor team's games. He stated that the Red Devils would need three nights and two diamonds.

President Peterson stated that he would be concerned with the money and suggested putting the money into a Village account. Also, he said that the New Windsor Ball programs were first priority. Mr. Switzer said there would be no issue with schedules. The Board felt that the Ball Diamond was built to be used, and the New Windsor Ball Association and the Red Devils Association could work it out between them. President Peterson suggested that the back diamond could be destroyed and a smaller diamond made up front. He told the board to think amount it.

President Peterson asked the Park Committee and the Ball Association and Mr. Switzer to meet to look at moving the back diamond up towards the front.

President Peterson stated that Clerk Johnson had looked at speaker phones, and he wants the Village to get a phone with more than two lines. Clerk Johnson reported that the cost was from \$140 to \$200.

President Peterson informed the Board about resubmitting for the CDAP Grant, and that he had talked to Bi-State and found out there are new guidelines for the surveys. He reported that 47 surveys were inadequate, and the Village will try to get more surveys completed and resubmitted by September. He said that he will meet with Bi-State on July 11, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. He informed the Board that Village Attorney Steele is working on the Bond Consul, quit claim deeds, and the USDA has an information packet to be filled out.

President Peterson reminded the Board of the Antique Tractor Show on September 23, 24, and 25, 2016 at the Rodeo Park.

President Peterson stated that the Village has sand and pea gravel for streets that are bleeding due to the hot weather. Trustee Willems reported that the corner of Walnut Street and South Seventh Avenue needs to be covered.

Motion by Whiting, Second by Willems to authorize the June 2016 bills. Roll call votes: Willems – aye, Kness – aye, Loving – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by all to adjourn. Voice votes: all votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk